

MINUTES

**CITY OF IMPERIAL BEACH
CITY COUNCIL
PLANNING COMMISSION
PUBLIC FINANCING AUTHORITY
HOUSING AUTHORITY
IMPERIAL BEACH REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY SUCCESSOR AGENCY**

NOVEMBER 1, 2017

Location:

**Wooden Observation Deck located at the
Southern end of Seacoast Drive
Imperial Beach, CA 91932**

SPECIAL MEETING – 10:00 A.M.

SPECIAL MEETING CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Dedina called the Special Meeting to order at 10:04 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Councilmembers present: West, Spriggs
Councilmembers absent: Patton
Mayor Pro Tem absent: Bragg
Mayor Present: Dedina

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

PRESS CONFERENCE

Mayor Dedina reported on a sewage spill at Playas de Tijuana that polluted U.S. beaches on October 26-27, 2017 that caused illness to him and other surfers. He expressed disappointment with Mexican officials who denied there had been a sewage spill.

Councilmember West spoke about his first-hand experience with sewage in the water on October 26, 2017 while he surfed in Imperial Beach. He expressed disappointment with the County of San Diego Environmental Health Department for not testing the water when they came to Imperial Beach on October 26, 2017.

Councilmember Spriggs commented how the sewage problem has been one of City Council's top priorities for many years. As the Co-Chair of the International Boundary and Water Commission's Citizen's Forum, he has written several letters to the Commissioners about citizen's concerns on sewage spills and the importance of taking positive action to get the resources to build infrastructure improvements to stop the pollution. He stressed that it is time that the people's voices are heard on both sides of the border.

Paloma Aguirre, Coastal and Marine Director for Wildcoast, summarized the timeline of events that happened over the course of the sewage spill. She noted that she never heard back from various Mexican officials after she attempted to contact them. Additionally, the San Diego County Department of Environmental Health did not take any water samples even though there were multiple reports of sewage smell.

Mayor Dedina stated that despite all the multiple signs of there being a sewage spill, there were multiple failures at every level in addressing the situation.

ADJOURN SPECIAL MEETING

Mayor Dedina adjourned the Special Meeting at 10:17 a.m.

/s/

Serge Dedina,
Mayor

/s/

Jacqueline M. Kelly, MMC
City Clerk